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and Expansion of Hemopoietic Stem Cells  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, which response is being made on or before December 23, 2003, and for which no extension fees are due. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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